

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:
a main body including an operation unit; and
a display unit including a display panel for displaying
information, a light source disposed at the lower side of
the display panel, an optical waveguide which guides light
emitted from the light source upward, and a reflective plate
which is disposed at the upper side of the display panel and
which reflects a part of the light guided by the optical
waveguide,

wherein the reflective plate reflects the part of the
light guided by the optical waveguide to illuminate the
operation unit.

2. An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 1, further comprising a reflective-plate hinge which
retains the reflective plate such that the reflective plate
can pivot.

3. An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 2, wherein the reflective plate reflects the part of
the light guided by the optical waveguide toward the display
panel depending on the angle of the reflective-plate hinge,
and the display panel reflects the light incident on the

display panel to illuminate the operation unit.

4. An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 1, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal panel,
and is illuminated by the light guided by the optical
waveguide.

5. An information processing apparatus comprising:
a main body including an operation unit; and
a display unit including a display panel for displaying
information, a light source disposed at the upper side of
the display panel, a reflective plate which reflects light
emitted from the light source, an optical waveguide which
guides the light emitted from the light source downward,
wherein the reflective plate reflects the light emitted
from the light source to illuminate the operation unit.

6. An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 5, further comprising a reflective-plate hinge which
retains the reflective plate such that the reflective plate
can pivot.

7. An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 6, wherein the reflective plate reflects the light
emitted from the light source toward the display panel

depending on the angle of the reflective-plate hinge, and the display panel reflects the light incident on the display panel to illuminate the operation unit.

8. An information processing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the display panel is a liquid crystal panel, and is illuminated by the light guided by the optical waveguide.